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HOGSETT ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY TO ATTACK GANGS, GUNS AND DRUGS

*Hogsett and Curry Continue Pledge of
Unprecedented State and Federal Cooperation*

INDIANAPOLIS - Joseph H. Hogsett, United States Attorney, announced today the appointment of Andrea Props as the newest member of the United States Attorney's Office serving as a Special Assistant United States Attorney. Props was sworn in by United States District Court Judge Jane Magnus-Stinson at a ceremony in the U.S. Attorney's Office.

"Prosecutor Curry and I announced in March, and Andrea's appointment is just the most recent evidence of, an unprecedented partnership between state and federal authorities," said Hogsett. "Our objective is simple: attack the criminal nexus of gangs, guns and drugs that plague our streets and drive crime rates higher. Andrea has already begun her work on our common mission by identifying several gun cases that are being reviewed for federal prosecution."

Props has been a deputy prosecutor with the Marion County Prosecutor's Office since 1998, focusing on guns, gangs and drugs since 2001. She will continue her work serving the citizens of central Indiana splitting her time between both offices.

The essential task of Props is to seek out cases that are or would be prosecuted at the state level and indict them federally. Her focus in both offices will be on gun, gang and drug cases. The criteria for federal prosecution ranges from criminal history of the defendant to aggravating case facts. Props also reviews cases in which there is no appropriate state charge to file or where no state statute actually applies and presents them for prosecution in federal court.

“As I have made clear, if you are illegally in possession of a gun or if you are in a gang, you will be prosecuted,” said Prosecutor Curry. “This partnership gives law enforcement agencies the greatest amount of resources, power, and leverage in bringing criminals to justice in central Indiana. I have full confidence that Andrea Props, along with her fellow prosecutors, will develop a model that other communities will emulate in the collective fight against gangs, guns and drugs.”

Several key advantages to federal prosecution are:

- Longer sentences
- Offenders serve at least 85% of their sentence
- No guaranteed right to bail
- Prison locations are generally not close to home.

Props was accompanied by her immediate family along with Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry and several members of his staff.

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